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SUBJ: DETERIORATION OF JAPANESE - KOREAN RELATIONS

1. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TOGO TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR HODGSON AT 5:15 PM TO INFORM HIM OF CURRENT SITUATION IN KOREAN RELATIONS CRISIS. TOGO SAID THEY HAVE LEARNED THAT PRES PARK MET WITH TOP ADVISORS AT 4:30 PM TODAY IN SEOUL. AMB USHIROKU HAS BEEN ADVISED TO EXPECT QTE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT UNQTE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT MEETING. USHIROKU IS TO BE INFORMED OF CONTENTS OF ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE IT IS RELEASED.

2. TOGO SAID THEY ARE WORRIED THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL MEAN RECALL OF ROK AMB KIM FROM TOKYO. ALSO SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT MAY TOUCH OFF LARGER AND MORE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SEOUL. TOGO SAID HE DID NOT THINK THERE WAS ANYTHING U.S. COULD DO IN THIS SITUATION AND WANTED SIMPLY TO INFORM US OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. TOGO SAID THEY FEEL THEY MADE AN QTE UNUSUAL AND BEST UNQTE EFFORT TO FIND SOLUTION AND ARE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THAT THEY FAILED.

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3. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED WITH APPRECIATION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE
EFFORTS AND FOR CLOSE CONSULTATIVE COOPERATION OF GOJ
THROUGH DIFFICULTIES. HE SAID UNTIL RUPTURE IN RE-
LATIONS OCCURS WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOPE IT WILL NOT
OCCUR. HE REITERATED
THAT OUR APPROACH THROUGHOUT
HAS BEEN TO URGE BOTH SIDES AGAINST FIXING ARTIFICIAL
DEADLINES AND AGAINST PRECIPITATE ACTIONS.
HODGSON

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